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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS FOR COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES

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SUMMARY. MISSION FORWARDS TEXT OF STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE
DELIVERED TO DPC ON APRIL 3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B AND
RECOMMENDS BRIEFING BY USAF TEAM AT AN EARLY DATE. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE
NEED FOR COLLOCATED BASES AT APRIL 3 DPC MEETING. QUOTE:

AS YOU MAY RECALL, DURING THE DECEMBER 7 MEETING OF THE
DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE, MINISTERS CONSIDERED THE COLLOCATED
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BASE QUESTION UNDER BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING. THEY
ENCOURAGED ALL POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN INCREASING THE NUMBER
OF BASES FOR US AUGMENTATION AIRCRAFT, AND APPROVED CONSIDERA-
TION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FOR US REINFORCING AIRCRAFT FACILITIES

AT SUCH BASES.

YOU WILL NOTE MY GOVERNMENT HAS PLEDGED TO SEND MANY ADDITIONAL REINFORCING TACTICAL AIRCRAFT TO NATO AFTER M-DAY: 252 BY M PLUS 3, AND 720 MORE BY M PLUS 30. OBVIOUSLY WE MUST HAVE SUITABLE BASES FOR THESE AIRCRAFT. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE UNITED STATES IS CONDUCTING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR THESE BASE FACILITIES WITH THE FRG, GREECE, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY AND THE UK. WE WILL OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES LATER. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY IN URGING PROMPT COMPLETION OF THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS. END QUOTE.

2. THE USAFE BRIEFING FOR THE MC AND DPC SHOULD FOLLOW AT AN EARLY DATE. THE BRIEFING SHOULD BE CAREFULLY TAILORED, AVOIDING TECHNICAL JARGON. FOCUS SHOULD BE ON EXPLAINING US TACTICAL AIR REINFORCEMENT PLANS AND HOW LACK OF BASE AGREEMENTS CONSTITUTES MAJOR LIMITING FACTOR IN US REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY. BRIEFING SHOULD ALSO COVER LOCATION OF BASES AND STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS. PERMREPS SHOULD BE LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT BY PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY BASES, ALLIES WILL BE MAKING A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO NATO FORCE IMPROVEMENTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES.

3. USDELMC AND MISSION REQUEST BRIEFING BE GIVEN A DRY RUN FOR APPROVAL IN BRUSSELS PRIOR TO PRESENTATION TO MC AND DPC. REQUEST WASHINGTON ADVISE DATE FOR BRIEFING SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF.
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